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1. SUMMARY: MALAYSIA, SINGAPORE AND INDONESIA ARE FORMALLY
SUBMITTING A MALACCA STRAITS TRAFFIC SEPARATION SCHEME (TSS)
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TO THE INTERNATIONAL MARITIME CONSULTATIVE ORGANIZATION
(IMCO) FOR APPROVAL. MALAYSIA HAS BEEN CHOSEN TO COORDINATE
SUBMISSION. A TRIPARTITE DELEGATION WILL ARRIVE IN LONDON
AUG 30 AND WILL MAKE DETAILS OF TSS AVAILABLE AUG 31 DURING
CONSULTATIONS WITH "INTERESTED PARTIES" PRIOR TO SEPT
5-9 IMCO MEETINGS. THREE NATIONS WILL GIVE "FAVORABLE
CONSIDERATION" TO JAPANESE REQUEST FOR FIVE-YEAR GRACE

PERIOD BEFORE 3.5 METER UNDER KEEL CLEARANCE REQUIREMENT INCORPORATED IN TSS. MALAYSIAN OFFICIAL, REFERRING TO CONVERSATIONS DURING AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON'S VISIT HERE LAST MARCH, REQUESTS U.S. SUPPORT FOR TSS IN IMCO. END SUMMARY.

1. LOCAL PRESS REPORTED RESULTS OF AUG 18-20 MEETING IN PENANG ON NAVIGATIONAL SAFETY IN STRAITS OF MALACCA OF SENIOR OFFICIALS FROM INDONESIA, SINGAPORE AND MALAYSIA ALONG SIMILAR LINES TO PARA 1 REF A. MFA PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR LAW OF THE SEA MATTERS PARAMESWARAN CALLED POLITICAL SECTION CHIEF BUTCHER IN AUGUST 24 TO DISCUSS OUTCOME OF MEETING AND REQUEST USG SUPPORT IN IMCO FOR TRAFFIC SEPARATION SCHEME (TSS). PARAM NOTED THAT HE HAD MET THAT MORNING WITH SOVIET EMBASSY COUNSELOR MIAKOTNYKH AND WOULD BE SEEING UK HIGH COMMISSION FIRST SECRETARY GEE LATER ON THE SAME SUBJECT.

2. ACCORDING TO PARAM, MALAYSIA HAS BEEN CHOSEN TO COORDINATE THE SUBMISSION OF THE TSS TO IMCO (ACCORDING TO PRESS ACCOUNTS, MALAYSIA WILL SERVE AS SPOKESMAN FOR THE THREE NATIONS AT THE SEPT 5 TO 9 IMCO MEETINGS IN LONDON). THE SCENARIO OUTLINED BY PARAM IS AS FOLLOWS:

(A) THE TSS WAS TRANSMITTED FORMALLY TO THE IMCO
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SECRETARY-GENERAL ON AUG 23. (B) A TRIPARTITE DELEGATION WILL TRAVEL TO LONDON, ARRIVING AFTERNOON AUG 30, FOR PRELIMINARY INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS ON THE TSS WITH "INTERESTED PARTIES." FOLLOWING A MORNING CAUCUS AMONG THE DELEGATION'S MEMBERS AUG 31, THEY WILL MAKE DETAILS OF THE TSS AVAILABLE AND WILL BE PREPARED TO CONSULT WITH OTHERS THAT AFTERNOON AND ON SEPT 1 AND 2 AND, IF NECESSARY, ON SEPT 3 AND 4. THE TSS WILL BE PRESENTED FORMALLY TO THE IMCO SUBCOMMITTEE ON SAFETY OF NAVIGATION IN THE COURSE OF THE SEPT 5-9 IMCO MEETINGS. (C) THE TSS WILL IN TURN BE REFERRED NEXT TO THE IMCO MARITIME SAFETY COMMITTEE, WHICH WILL MEET IN OCTOBER. (D) FINALLY, THE TSS WILL BE SUBMITTED BY THE MARITIME SAFETY COMMITTEE TO THE IMCO ASSEMBLY, WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO MEET IN NOV, 1977.

3. PARAM REFERRED TO POINTS 1, 2 AND 3 OF THE MARCH 29 "NOTES ON PACKAGE ARRANGEMENT REGARDING MALACCA STRAITS RESULTING FROM US-MALAYSIAN TALKS, MARCH 28-29, 1977" (SEE PARA 7, REFTEL E) AND REQUESTED U.S. SUPPORT FOR TSS IN IMCO PER DISCUSSIONS WITH AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON'S TEAM HERE. IN PARTICULAR, HE HOPED WE WOULD APPROACH

OTHERS WITH WHOM WE HAD CONSULTED ON THIS; E.G., FRG AND FRANCE. RE JAPANESE REQUEST FOR FIVE-YEAR GRACE PERIOD IN APPLYING THE 3.5 METER UNDER KEEL CLEARANCE (UKC) REQUIREMENT (MENTIONED IN ITEM 2 OF THE "NOTES"), PARAM SAID THAT OFFICIALS MEETING IN PENANG HAD DECIDED TO GIVE THE GOJ REQUEST "FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION" (IMPLYING, HE ADDED, TACIT CONSENT) FOLLOWING APPROVAL OF TSS BY IMCO (ALONG LINES REPORTED PARA TWO REF A). "WE HOPE THE JAPANESE WILL TAKE THIS IN GOOD FAITH," HE REMARKED.

4. THE MALAYSIAN DELEGATION TO THE FORTHCOMING IMCO TALKS AND PRELIMINARY CONSULTATIONS WILL COMPRISE THE FOLLWOING: CAPTAIN OSMAN DARUS, DIRECTOR OF MARINE, CONFIDENTIAL

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